



March 22, 2020

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Welcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!

Schedule of Services

Sunday	9:00 AM	Bible Classes - TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED THROUGH 3/31
	10:15 AM	Online Streaming Only
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly - Communion Service Only
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Class - TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED THROUGH 3/31

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Elder of the Day John Rowe

Communion Leader

Adult Bible Classes:

“A Study of the Holy Spirit”
by Dave Short Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

“Search for Significance” by Rick Whitworth
Sundays in Worship Center A101

“Faithful Fathers”
by Scott Blake & Ken Stegall Sundays in Worship Center A102

“Fueled by Christ: Powering Positive Change in a Divided and Distracted World” by David Sparks
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

“I Kings” Senior High (9th-12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Sundays in Chapel Center C201

“Toolkit for Christian Living” Junior High (7th-8th)
by Rick Medford & Eric Alarid, Sundays in Chapel Center Magnolia Room

“Guy Talk” 7th-12th Guys by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays in Chapel Center C201

“Girl Talk” 7th-12th Girls by Ellen Fontenot
Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0-1 years	A103	1st grade	B202
1 year-olds	A105/106	2nd grade	B203
2 year-olds	A107	3rd grade	B206
3 year-olds	A108	4th grade	B208
Pre-K	A109	5th-6th grade	B209
Kindergarten	B200		

A **Facility Map** and other information is available at the Welcome Center.

A **Secure Check-in System** is active for children ages 0 to 4 years.

A **Nursery** is available during Sunday morning worship for children 0-23

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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 15, 2020

9:00 AM Bible Class	N/A
10:15 AM Worship	239
6:00 PM Worship	N/A
Contribution	\$18,622.00

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	N/A
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Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through February 29, 2020 are \$234,065 compared with a budgeted amount of \$218,089 producing a surplus of \$15,976.

Notes

To Meet . . . or Not to Meet? That is the Question

I'm getting numerous inquiries from churches asking what we at Woodland Oaks are doing regarding our assemblies during this time. Do we ignore the potential danger from the virus and the regulations from the government and continue to meet with no change? Do we cancel all assemblies? Do we cancel some meetings and not others? There are some really strong feelings out there. On both sides! And frankly, there are some on either side who are extremely harsh in their condemnation of anyone who doesn't agree with their reasoning.

So, what are we to do? Does it indicate that we do not trust God if we decide to not meet as usual? Does it say that you don't trust God when you put your seatbelt on in your car? Or perhaps more to the point, does it say that we don't trust God when we put in place a plan to mitigate the harm from a potential active shooter at church?

Also to be considered - Are we making this decision because our government officials require us to not meet? Or are we making this decision out of concern for the welfare of the congregation? Sometimes people must be protected from themselves!

This is a good illustration that being proactive is praised . . . until you are proactive! Then you are criticized for being over-reactive! And the critics may be right. The irony of being proactive is that we'll never know! Did your actions prevent a catastrophe? Or would there have been no catastrophe without them? If we are proactive, we'll never know.

One of the joys of leadership is that you will be criticized for pretty much everything you do. And guess what will happen if you decide to do nothing?

I was in the meeting when the decision was made by our elders to discontinue our assemblies for the next two weeks and encourage everyone to "assemble via live-streaming." I can tell you that this decision was made very reluctantly by every elder. The reason for the decision was because of concern for our members' welfare.

I can also tell you that it will be temporary . . . as temporary as possible. I miss you already and pray and trust that our family will be back together soon.

- Ken Stegall

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The Woodlands, TX

Letter from Elders

March 20, 2020

Woodland Oaks Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, the details concerning the COVID-19 pandemic continue to change rapidly. The gathering of our church family is of utmost importance to us; however, after much prayer and discussion, we will move to an online only worship service for the remainder of March. This decision weighs heavily on our hearts, but we want to minimize the potential spread and risk to our high number of "at-risk" members. Your Elders and Ken will assemble and lead the online services, but all members should STAY HOME and join us online for singing, prayer, communion and study together.

Our services will be as follows:

- Sunday morning - services will be online only and will be streamed at 10:15 AM
 - <http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUclVYA>
- Sunday evening - we will offer communion only at 6:00 PM. However, we urge you to partake from your homes during the morning online service.

Additional information:

- All Bible classes and congregational fellowships will remain suspended through March
- If needed, communion supplies are available as follows:
 - From the church office on Monday-Friday from 9AM-4PM
 - From the church drive-through (porte-cochere) on Saturdays from 10AM-1PM
 - You might even consider making it a teachable moment with your family and making your own unleavened bread. Recipes available from the church office.

These are unprecedented times, but as we read in Isaiah 41:10 - *10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Please be in prayer for those facing challenges during this time, asking for God's wisdom, guidance, healing, comfort and peace.

The Elders

Announcements

Please hold your contributions and turn them in the next time you attend Worship.

Today will be the last lesson in the sermon series: **"Following Christ Without Denominationalism"**. If you would like to request a copy of the series, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email the office at: information@woodlandoaks.org. Be sure to include your name, number of copies, and the title of the series you are requesting in your email.

Community Bible Class has been canceled until further notice.

Impact Church of Christ Meal Service scheduled for Sunday, March 29 has been canceled.

The **Bridal Shower honoring Kirstin Wade**, bride elect of Elliot Roberts, will be a drop-off shower. Please drop-off gifts at the church office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by March 30. Kirstin and Elliot are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target and Amazon. Gifts purchased online may also be shipped directly to the Roberts or Marty Justice. If you cannot drop off gifts at the church, Chris Davis is available to pick them up. Contact Marty Justice for more information.

Men's Breakfast has been canceled until further notice.

Youth News

The **Youth Invasion** scheduled for tonight has been canceled.

Youth Weekly Bible Study has been suspended until further notice.

The **Guys Conference** scheduled for Saturday, March 28 has been postponed.

Treehouse Kids' News

All children's events are canceled through March.

There will be a **Virtual Children's Bible Class** with Mrs. Jenn Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Watch live on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook page.

LTC

LTC practices have been suspended until further notice.

The **LTC Convention** in Dallas has been canceled. A "Home Convention" will be scheduled at a later time.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will continue to follow the Conroe Independent School District schedule and will not resume until April 14, at the earliest. Please use this time to follow the weekly lessons in our book.

Prayers

✠ **Roxie Granger**/remains in ICU at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands/Room 4110/No visitors allowed.

✠ **Wally Westbrook**/remains at Encompass Rehab Hospital at Vision Park/No visitors allowed.

✠ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**

✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, Teri Barker, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Emily Cottle, Joe Guidry, Doris Higginbottom, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, F.R. Mitchell, Malu Oliveira, Gerald Pereiro, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Becky Splawn, Leon Taylor, Marla West.**

✠ Please remember our members: **Erving Alexander, Ken Coleman, Elizabeth Eich, Mary Gambill, Veronica Jones, Richard McFarland, Nancy Palmer, Joyce & Bill Pieper, Laurie Riggs, Joyce & Lucky Roll, Ella & Wally Westbrook.**

✠ Please remember friends & family: **Penny Cornett, Marie Coury, Mariam Egger, Michele Hobson, Leilani Palmer, Brooke Allison Veale.**

This Week

Today	9:30 a.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship - ONLINE STREAMING ONLY
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class

Upcoming Events

March 30	Gifts for Kirstin Wade & Elliot Roberts Due
April 1	Quilting Group
April 5	Baby Shower for Gloria Glover Congregational Singing
April 18	Golf Tournament
April 19	Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting
April 25	THK Meet Up @ Altitude
April 26	Arms of Hope Donations Due
April 29	Young Men Lead Singing - No Meal
May 17	The Children's Home of Lubbock Donations Due
May 25	Church Offices Closed
May 30	Senior Banquet
June 2-4	VBS
June 5	Girls Vs. Guys Night
June 7-13	Camp Bandina
June 12-14	Family Camp
June 26-July 4	Trek
July 12-20	Camp Wyldewood
September 26	Parenting Seminar - Stronger Families Workshop
October 25	Impact CofC Meal

Expectant Families

Gloria & Michael Glover
Jessica & Trey Polvado
Laura & Kevin Sim

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.

MARCH DONATION NEEDS:
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Laundry Products
Arms of Hope: Salad Dressing and Toilet Paper
The Children's Home of Lubbock: Paper Towels

If you could use meals during times of need, please contact the church office at 936-273-0010 or information@woodlandoaks.org